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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"These people were arrested and taken to the Assistant Commissioner of Police; they gave assurance there that they would not disobey any lawful orders that might be passed; thereafter they were released."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the arrested people were asked to put their assurance in writing and whether they refused to do so?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No, Sir."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"In view of the fact that the section postulates a design to commit a cognizable offence, may I ask the hon. the Home Member to state the nature of the particular offence these persons were supposed to be about to commit?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I have already answered that question."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"May I ask the hon. the Home Member to say whether the information which the Police had was from the Circars or from the local police and on what date it was received by the Commissioner of Police?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I have already stated that in the public interest I must decline to answer that question."

Arrest of certain Andhra leaders on 17th February 1929.

*1457-B *Q.*—Mr. C. OBI REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) why and for what offence Desabhakta Konda Venkatappayya, Purniah Sastri and Mr. K. V. R. Swami Nayudu were arrested by the Police on 17th February 1929;

(*b*) what was the incriminating material with the Police against the said gentlemen at the time of their arrest;

(*c*) whether there was any consultation by the Commissioner of Police, Madras City, with the hon. the Law or Home Member in this matter prior to the said arrest; and

(*d*) whether the Advocate-General was also consulted in this affair by Police prior to arrest?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1457-A.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know whether these gentlemen refused to sign bail bonds when they were asked to do so by the Police?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"They were not asked to sign any bail bond."